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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SUPPORT
TO CIA COVERT ACTIVITIESARMY1. Personnel

a. Since May 1963, the following personnel have been on duty with the CIA:

(1) One lieutenant colonel, planning assistant, on temporary duty with CIA headquarters in Washington.

(2) One major, planning assistant (ordnance), on temporary duty with CIA operational headquarters near Miami, Florida.

(3) One captain, training officer, on duty with the CIA field training activity in the Miami area.

b. On 16 July 1963 approval was given to an additional CIA request for three Army officers in the grade of lieutenant or captain to provide ranger type training to previously trained Cuban nationals under CIA control in the Miami area.

c. On 16 July 1963 CIA requested that the Army provide additional Army personnel (one major or captain, deputy camp director; two captains or lieutenants, instructors; one supply NCO and one medical technician) to support a proposed new training activity at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida (described in more detail below under Air Force support). This request was approved on 25 July 1963.

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2. Training

a. Since 13 April 1963, 36 Cuban nationals under CIA control have received weapons training in selected weapons to include live firing at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

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b. Since 12 May 1963, 47 Cuban nationals under CIA control have completed airborne refresher training to include parachute jumps at Camp McCall, North Carolina.

c. On 15 July 1963, a CIA request to train four Cuban officers who are currently in the Brigade training program at Fort Benning was approved. It is planned that these personnel will be trained as communicators under cover by the CIA at Fort Benning for utilization in a recently approved autonomous covert program.

3. Material

On 14 April 1963, a CIA request for the below listed ammunition and material was satisfied:

8	4.2mm mortars
60	rounds of 57mm recoilless rifle
60	rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle
100	rounds of 60mm mortar
246	rounds of 81mm mortar

NAVY

1. Personnel

On 2 July 1963 a CIA request for a U. S. Navy SEAL Team of one officer and five enlisted men to support the training of Cuban nationals in underwater demolitions, small boat handling, maritime sabotage and raider operations was approved. These personnel are currently receiving final Navy briefings in the Washington area prior to reporting to the CIA Miami area activity.

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2. Material

On 25 July 1963 a CIA request for cover and office space for personnel at the Miami Naval Station was received and is under study.

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AIR FORCE

1. Training

On 28 June 1963 CIA requested authority to utilize a portion of Eglin Air Force Base in Florida for the covert training of CIA controlled Cuban nationals. Use of Eglin AFB will enable CIA to institute a survival training program for approximately 60 CIA controlled Cuban nationals per year. It will also include participation by the five Army personnel outlined above. This request was approved on 23 July 1963 following a survey of the installation by representatives of the CIA and the Department of Defense.

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2. Material

As of February 1963 a CIA request for two 173 foot ships belonging to the Air Force was fulfilled. These ships were transferred to CIA after rehabilitation by the Air Force for use in CIA activities in the Miami area.

OPERATIONS

Two approved raids previously scheduled for execution on 26 July 1963 were postponed until mid-August by decision of the Special Group on 18 July 1963. Postponement was based on consideration of the possible impact of these raids on negotiations currently underway in Moscow. The raids, to be conducted by Cuban nationals trained and controlled by the CIA Miami activity referred to above, and to be launched from the Florida Keys by surface craft, encompass:

1. A night sabotage raid by a nine man Cuban team utilizing 75mm Recoilless rifles and 81mm mortars against the petroleum storage facilities at Casilda near Trinidad in Southern Las Villas Province.

2. A night sabotage raid by a nine man Cuban team utilizing 57mm Recoilless rifles and 3.5 rocket launchers against the sulfur reactors at Santa Lucia on the north coast of Pinar del Rio Province.